

APPENDIX A

CHRONOLOGY OF COMMAND: LOUISVILLE ENGINEER DISTRICT, 1867-1973

An Engineer office, usually described as the "Office of Western River Improvements," was maintained by the Corps at Louisville on a near-continuous basis from 1824 to 1860, but the present Louisville Engineer District organization was actually established on May 11, 1867, when the Chief of Engineers ordered Major General Godfrey Weitzel to Louisville to supervise surveys of the Falls of the Ohio area. General Weitzel established a "District" office at the Louisville and Portland Canal and supervised the activities of this office until 1882. From 1882 to 1886, the Louisville Engineer Office was in charge of Colonel William E. Merrill, who served concurrently as Cincinnati District Engineer. In 1886 Major Amos Stickney was assigned full and sole responsibility for the activities of the Louisville Engineer District; and, because Major Stickney was in charge of the District in 1888 when the term "District" became the official designation of an Engineer officer's geographic area of responsibility, he was technically the first Louisville District Engineer. The official chronology of command (which omits some officers who served on a temporary, or acting, basis) is listed below:

Godfrey Weitzel, MG (BVT.)	1867-1882
William E. Merrill, COL	1882-1886
Amos Stickney, MAJ	1886-1890
Edward Maguire, CPT	1890-1891
Garrett G. Lydecker, COL	1891-1893
Hiram M. Chittenden, LT	1893-1893
Thomas H. Handbury, MAJ	1893-1894

James G. Warren, CPT	1894-1898
George A. Zinn, CPT	1898-1900
William L. Sibert, CPT	1900-1901
E. H. Ruffner, MAJ	1901-1902
George McC. Derby, MAJ	1902-1903
Harry Burgess, CPT	1903-1908
Lytle Brown, MAJ	1908-1912
Henry Jervey, LTC	1912-1912
John C. Oakes, MAJ	1912-1916
George R. Spalding, MAJ	1916-1917
William P. Stokey, COL	1917-1918
William H. McAlpine, ASST ENGR	1918-1919
George M Hoffman, COL	1919-1920
G. R. Lukesh, LTC	1920-1925
George R. Spalding, LTC	1925-1929
Roger G. Powell, LTC	1929-1930
William A. Johnson, LTC	1930-1933
Gilbert Van B. Wilkes, LTC	1933-1936
D. O. Elliott, LTC	1936-1937
D. A. Davison, LTC	1937-1939
Lester F. Rhodes, MAJ	1939-1940
Henry H. Hutchings, Jr., LTC	1940-1942
Henry H. Hannis, COL	1942-1943
Jesse H. Veal, LTC	1943-1944
Gilbert Van B. Wilkes, COL	1944-1946
B. B. Talley, COL	1946-1948
John L. Person, COL	1948-1950
Clarence Bidgood, LTC	1950-1953
William D. Milne, COL	1953-1956
Edward D. Comm, COL	1956-1958
C. C. Noble, COL	1958-1960
James L. Lewis, Col	1960-1963
Willard Roper, COL	1963-1966
Robert R. Wessels, COL	1966-1969
John T. Rhett, Jr., COL	1969-1972
Charles J. Fiala, COL	1972-1975
James N. Ellis, COL	1975-